

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2005 Regular Session.

<i>Doc. No.</i>	<i>Date of Action</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
2005 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 061 through 063					
061	Nov 1	HB0619	PN2656	60 days	Agricultural Area Security Law—creation of agricultural areas and purchase of agricultural conservation easements.
062	Nov 1	HB1069	PN2762	Immediately	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—leaves of absence for certain government employees
063	Nov 1	HB1435	PN2109	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—computer-assisted remote harvesting of animals
2005 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 039A					
039A	Nov 3	HB0816	PN2854	Immediately	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission—additional funding

* denotes an effective date with exceptions

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified above for laws and appropriation acts were contained in the applicable law or appropriation act. Where no date is specified or where the effective date specified is prior to the date of enactment, the effective date is 60 days after final enactment except for statutes making appropriations or affecting budgets of political subdivisions. See 1 Pa.C.S. §§ 1701—1704 (relating to effective dates of statutes).

Advance Copies of Statutes

Section 1106 of Title 1 of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes* provides that the prothonotaries of each county shall file advance copies of statutes in their offices for public inspection until the *Laws of Pennsylvania* are generally available. Section 2406(h) of The Administrative Code of 1929 provides that the Department of General Services shall distribute advance sheets of the *Laws of Pennsylvania* to each law judge of the courts, to every county and public library of this Commonwealth and to each member of the General Assembly. These copies shall be furnished without charge. The Department shall also mail one copy of each law enacted during any legislative session to any person who pays to it the sum of \$20.

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COMMISSION ON SENTENCING

Meeting Scheduled

The Commission on Sentencing announces the following public meeting to be held at The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102:

Wednesday, December 14, 2005 9 a.m. McMichael Room Quarterly Commission Meeting

MARK H. BERGSTROM,
Executive Director

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